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SUBJECT: ANTARCTICA: AGREEMENT ON MARAMBIO AIRFIELD

REFS: (A) BUENOS AIRES 7188

(B) STATE 191495

1. PORTION OF FIRST PARAGRAPH OF STATE 191495 WAS
GARBLED IN TRANSMISSION AND SHOULD HAVE READ AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE...WE PREPARED FOLLOW PROCEDURE FOR EXCHANGE OF
DIPLOMATIC NOTES WHICH WOULD DESIGNATE AND AUTHORIZE
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND ARGENTINE AIR FORCE AS
COMPETENT AGENCIES TO NEGOTIATE AND CONCLUDE ARRANGEMENT
ON MARAMBIO AIRFIELD. WE DO NOT DESIRE REFERENCE TO
BILATERAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
IN EXCHANGE OF NOTES AS WE DO NOT CONSIDER MARAMBIO
ARRANGEMENT AS SCIENTIFIC OR TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRAM OR
PROJECT FALLING UNDER BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND ALSO ARE
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CONCERNED ABOUT TERRITORIAL EMPHASIS IN BILATERAL

AGREEMENT. HOWEVER IMMATERIAL HOW ARGENTINES INTERPRET
AUTHORIZATION FROM THEIR INTERNAL STANDPOINT...UNQUOTE.

2. AS STATED ABOVE WE CONSIDER MARAMBIO ARRANGEMENT IS NOT
SCIENTIFIC OR TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRAM OR PROJECT FALLING
UNDER AGREEMENT. WHILE AGREEMENT IS OF UMBRELLA TYPE, IT

IS MEANT TO APPLY TO PROJECTS OF S&T NATURE LEADING TO
RESULTS MADE KNOWN TO WORLD SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY (SEE
ART. V). HOWEVER WE HAVE NO OBJECTION IF ANSWERING NOTE
TO AMBASSADOR BY ARGENTINE FOREIGN OFFICE CONTAINS
REFERENCE TO THIS BILATERAL, IF SUCH REFERENCE NEEDED FOR
ARGENTINE INTERNAL CONSIDERATIONS. THUS ARGENTINE
ANSWERING NOTE COULD READ AS IN NEXT PARAGRAPH.

3. EXCELLENCY,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO YOUR NOTE OF -----
REGARDING DISCUSSIONS ON COOPERATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND
USE OF AN AIRFIELD AT MARAMBIO (64 14' 08S-56 38' 05W).

I AM PLEASED TO CONFIRM TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT,
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BILATERAL SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED IN 1972, THE
ARGENTINE AIR FORCE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE AND
CONCLUDE AN ARRANGEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL
SCIENCE FOUNDATION REGARDING COOPERATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT
AND USE OF THE VICE COMODORO MARAMBIO AIR BASE.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ANY ARRANGEMENT CONCLUDED
SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE
ANTARCTIC TREATY AND MOREOVER IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO
ARTICLE IV THEREOF.

PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF
MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

4. US NOTE WOULD EMBODY CHANGES PROPOSED IN PARAGRAPHS
2(A) AND 2(B) OF BUENOS AIRES 7188 EXCLUDING HOWEVER
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PHRASE "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BILATERAL SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED IN 1972" WHICH
WOULD BE IN ARGENTINE NOTE. PORTER

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